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New U.S. Patent Application for: **APOPTOSIS INDUCER AND METHOD OF SCREENING FOR A SUBSTANCE INHIBITING ACYLATED HOMOSERINE LACTONE**

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2. Transmittal Letter
3. Spec. 42 pgs. 3 indep. clms. and 11 clms. total
4. Drawings - 19 sheets of drawings containing 19 figures (Figure 14 is color photo)
5. Preliminary Amendment
6. Petition To Accept Color Photographs (Three sets of Figure 14, color photo)
7. Certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-021047, filed January 29, 2003, and 2003-021053, filed on January 29, 2003

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

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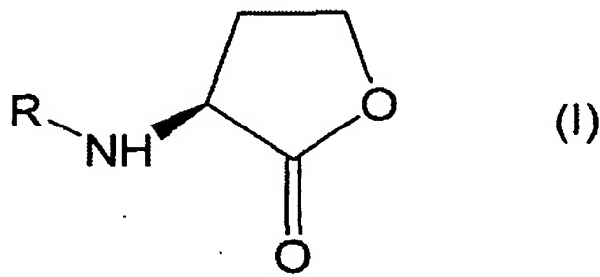
c) a means for measuring Akt activity.

9. (Withdrawn) A substance inhibiting acylated homoserine lactone, which is identified by the screening method of claim 5.

10. (Withdrawn) An acylated homoserine lactone inhibitor, which is identified by the screening method of claim 5.

11. (Withdrawn) A kit for using in the screening method of claim 5, comprising the following elements:

a) an acylated homoserine lactone represented by formula I:



wherein R is as defined above,

b) an animal cell, and

c) a means for measuring Akt activity.

12. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein inhibition of Akt activity is detected by detecting caspase activation.